

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, bolls had opened on virtually all of the cotton crop compared with 95 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Forty-two percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 32 percent last year, and 22 percent had been harvested compared with 18 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly poor to very poor. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons last week. In other parts of the State, producers shipped potatoes. In the Northern and Central parts of the State, range and forage conditions worsened with high temperatures and little rainfall. Reporters in the same area stated that water tanks and reservoirs were quickly declining. For the week ending on September 30th, 24 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Yuma North Gila reporting the most at 0.92 inches while Coolidge, Tucson, and Window Rock reported the least at 0.01 inches. All but 3 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 109 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 29 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Eighteen of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	98	96	95	91
Defoliated	42	29	32	30
Harvested	22	19	18	15

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	12	15	9	NA
Adequate.....	86	83	91	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	14	17	10	NA
Adequate.....	85	81	90	NA
Surplus.....	1	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	2	3	--	2
Fair.....	16	11	24	22
Good.....	54	52	40	43
Excellent.....	28	34	36	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	5	2	4	2
Fair.....	41	50	14	15
Good.....	40	35	55	51
Excellent.....	13	12	26	30
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	34	29	16	16
Poor.....	37	33	3	11
Fair.....	15	15	32	28
Good.....	6	12	40	37
Excellent.....	8	11	9	8

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-09302018.pdf

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